

Keep fighting the good fight

The battle can be won in the classroom, not your wallets

HALIFAX MATTERS

Tristan Cleveland



Kudos to teachers for using a contract negotiation to take action on things that matter more than pay. If they do sacrifice some pay, they may just be able to secure big wins for education.

This week, teachers were presented with a new deal the union had negotiated. Not all are happy and it might again be voted down. For some, it's for the lack of firm commitment to improving classrooms, while for others, it's the lack of compensation. Given that government has the option to legislate wages, it's hard to imagine they will achieve both goals.

But played right, big things are possible. Teachers can take the moral high ground by, for one thing, offering to give up on the long-term service award (a one-time payment at retirement) in exchange for that money being reinvested directly into improving conditions for students.

Since investing in classrooms won't set wage patterns for other departments, the government should have



Students from Citadel High School protest outside the legislature in Halifax on Friday during a rally in support of teachers. ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

greater flexibility to deliver on it.

The concerns teachers have identified are legitimate and serious. I called up one to whom I'm particularly grateful, the one who taught me how to write.

"I felt I had no respect from my employers," she told me. "I was doing work for them constantly that had nothing to do with educating the stu-

dents in my classroom."

On the condition that I not mention her name, she shared her frustrations. Daily requirements for keeping records on students in cumbersome online systems, creating an "irrational amount of computer time." Pressure to sit on multiple committees. Endless forms asking for data on student demographics, and always more.

Treating teachers like data-entry clerks erodes the time they need to plan effectively for class, and that matters. Countries that give teachers more prep time have, on average, more successful outcomes for students.

There are many challenges — more than I can list here — so let's use this moment of rare public focus to figure out how to support teachers to do

the job effectively that they signed up for.

The teachers I spoke to also, of course, want to retain the long-term service award and more generous raises. On one hand, that's natural, given how hard and thankless their job currently is.

On the other hand, it doesn't seem right that members of the civil service should continue receiving raises

while those outside government have to do their best in a slow economy.

If it's not about pay — as many teachers have said — let's use this opportunity to get the best possible conditions for classrooms, and a workplace that offers dignity, autonomy and support for our teachers.

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City transit changes ahead

COMMUTERS

Plans include new technology and heated bus stops



Zane Woodford
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If you take the bus or ride the ferry, change is coming to your daily commute this year. Here are five notable changes in Halifax Transit's fiscal 2017 plan:

1. Technology: Long-promised technology upgrades will start rolling out within weeks, according to Halifax Transit director Dave Reage.

Automated stop announcements that started on select routes last month will expand to all routes, and real-time data will be made available to let riders know whether their bus will arrive on schedule by allowing Google Maps' transit feature and third-party applications to show buses' exact locations.



Your wait at the bus stop could get warmer this year as Halifax Transit tests out heated bus stops. JEFF HARPER/METRO

2. Service changes:

Love 'em or hate 'em, some

route changes described in the Moving Forward Together plan roll out this year – removing Routes 6, 22 (just ser-

vice to Exhibition Park), 402 and school specials; replacing Routes 19 and 20 with 9A and 9B, and 9 Barrington with 29;

adding extra trips on Route 330; creating the new Route 194 West Bedford Express, and a pilot project, Route 370

Porters Lake Express to the Micmac Terminal.

3. Heated bus stops: Your wait at the bus stop could get warmer this year as Halifax Transit tests out heated bus stops. Reage said the pilot will likely test out two heated shelters at the Highfield Terminal – where there is no indoor option for passengers.

4. Halifax Ferry Terminal update: The point of entry off the ferry into Halifax will see improvements “to bring it out of 1970s décor,” as Reage put it, including a new fare collection kiosk and main entrance and washroom upgrades.

The plan is to make it feel more like the Alderney Terminal.

5. Mumford Terminal replacement: The terminal is “both over capacity and aging” and the current site won’t be able to support a new one. Halifax Transit will look for a new spot for the terminal nearby, with hopes of building something like the Lacewood Terminal.

Budget increasing but ‘nothing overly visionary’ on the way

Halifax Transit is asking for a \$1.3 million increase in its budget for the coming year citing increased service, but a local transit advocate isn’t convinced it will be better for passengers.

At regional council’s committee of the whole meeting

on Wednesday, transit director Dave Reage presented his proposed fiscal 2017 budget of \$115.6 million.

He pointed to increased service – including new routes and new drivers – and inflationary pressures like fuel costs as rea-

sons for the increase, and said he’s excited to “start into the guts of the implementation of Moving Forward Together,” the redesign plan approved by council last year.

“It’s gonna be a fun ride,” Reage said.

Jeff Blair with the group It’s More Than Buses doesn’t think the ride will be much more fun for passengers.

“There’s nothing overly visionary in it,” he said.

“In terms of things like route changes, there’s nothing in there

that really justifies why those routes are being changed and how it’s gonna make transit actually better, and by better I mean faster, more frequent, more reliable for people.”

Council approved the budget in principal, but it could also in-

crease after a request from Coun. Sam Austin to consider keeping increased ferry service after the Big Lift project is complete.

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Schools set to get \$99M for repairs

The province is spending \$99.5 million to build and renovate several schools, including a leak-plagued Halifax high school and an elementary school ravaged by last fall's storm-related flooding in Cape Breton.

Finance Minister Randy Delorey said design and construction of nine new schools are included in the province's \$684.2-million capital plan for 2017-18, which he unveiled Wednesday.

"We look at our ability to pay for projects," Delorey said. "These were the ones that government identified and decided to move forward with."

Specific dollar figures were not provided, but finance officials said funding would go toward the replacement of J.L. Ilsley High School, which currently is in the design phase.

The 46-year-old school, located in the Halifax suburb of Spryfield, has in recent years been the subject of complaints from parents and students about its structure, which has been subject to leaks. The school was closed for a week

in the winter of 2014 after a significant ice storm caused several leaks.

Money will also go toward repairing flood damage to Brookland Elementary School in Sydney, N.S., and also toward an expansion as it prepares to accommodate middle school students who will transfer there when Sherwood Park school closes in November 2020.

The school was damaged extensively last October, by floodwaters caused by the remnants of Hurricane Matthew.

Funding was also included for the renovation of F. H. MacDonald Elementary School in Sutherland's River; it will become a P-8 school to receive students from the East Pictou Middle School when it closes.

Delorey said the government planned to spend \$39.2 million more on capital projects than it did last year — an increase of slightly more than six per cent.

Highway construction and improvements take up the biggest chunk of the capital plan, at \$217.5 million.

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+ OTHER CAPITAL PROJECTS

Convention centre on tap

Finance Minister Randy Delorey said the next biggest cost for capital projects was the \$169.2 million for the Halifax convention centre that had been deferred when the project's completion was delayed.

The plan also included funding for projects such as renovations to improve safety at the Halifax provincial court on Spring Garden Road, and courts in Dartmouth and Sydney. There is also

money to upgrade select provincial park facilities and infrastructure.

Two projects to switch St. Martha's Hospital in Antigonish and the Aberdeen Hospital in New Glasgow to natural gas were also included.

A department official said the switchover was already completed at St. Martha's Hospital, while the Aberdeen project is already underway. Five other hospital commitments were put on hold.

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HEALTH

Province to hear hospital reno bids

The Nova Scotia government is seeking information from private firms that may be interested in redeveloping one of the largest hospitals in Atlantic Canada.

Infrastructure Minister Geoff MacLellan issued a statement today, saying the governing Liberals are open to all options, but they want to see what private bids would yield.

The minister says a request for supplier qualifications for public-private partnership ser-

vices was issued Wednesday, and the deadline for submissions is Feb. 28.

The project includes expansion of the Queen Elizabeth II Health Sciences Centre in Halifax. Work also is needed at Dartmouth General Hospital, Hants Community Hospital and other sites that will need upgrades in anticipation of the closure of the Centennial and Victoria buildings at the Victoria General site in Halifax.

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THEATRE NEW SHOW AT NEPTUNE From left, Pamela Halstead, Theo Pitsiavas, Francine Deschepper and Michael Ferguson in a scene from DMV Theatre's *Speaking in Tongues*, running through Sunday at Neptune's Scotiabank Theatre. JEFF HARPER / METRO

Asphalt plant foes have pal in Whitman

LAND USE

Councillor backs voices versus Scotian Materials



Public meetings are underway this week about a controversial proposal for an asphalt plant in Tantallon, and the area's regional councillor has all but made up his mind on the issue.

"As you know, I'm supposed to remain open-minded in the meantime until I've heard everything, until staff comes back with the recommendation, but I

guarantee the folks in Westwood Hills that I'm listening and I'm all ears," Coun. Matt Whitman said in an interview.

"I pretty much always take the side of my residents. If they're upset, I'm upset."

Scotian Materials has applied to the municipality for land-use bylaw amendments that would allow a mobile asphalt plant on its land north of Highway 103, near Tantallon. The site is about 1.6 kilometres from a cottage and about 2.5 kilometres from three residential developments, including the Westwood Hills subdivision.

Whitman said 800 people spoke at a public meeting held on the issue last June and another 200 didn't get a chance, spurring this next set of meetings.

The municipality is holding



Councillor Matt Whitman

JEFF HARPER/METRO FILES

six public sessions over two nights this week. The first was held Wednesday night, with the second Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m. at the St. Margaret's Centre in Upper Tantallon.

Whitman said he's heard "almost unanimous opposition" to the proposal from residents in

the area.

"The numbers are overwhelming, and we see it from almost every public hearing where folks don't want even a building near them, let alone an asphalt plant that spits out carcinogens and affects their quality of life and possibly their property values," he said.

"For folks to come out in favour of this would really be a stretch."

A statement on Scotian Materials' website from president Robert MacPherson says the asphalt plant "will not impact the health and safety of any nearby community, business or the environment." The company has also taken to its Twitter account to defend its proposal and accuse Whitman of "making things up again" on talk radio.

Halifax DIGEST

MUMFORD ROAD

Headstones toppled

Police are asking the public to help them find those responsible for knocking over headstones at a Halifax cemetery last weekend.

Police say they got a call Saturday about a number of headstones that had been knocked over at the Mount Olivet Cemetery on Mumford Road; one was

reported damaged.

A release from police says they're "taking this very seriously in light of the disrespectful nature of the incident and given the cemetery's historic significance to our community."

Anyone with information is asked to call police or Crime Stoppers.

METRO STAFF

CLAYTON PARK

Knifepoint robbery

Police are looking for a man who robbed a Halifax drug store at knifepoint.

Halifax Regional Police say they were called to the Shoppers Drug Mart at 278 Lacewood Dr. in Clayton Park around 6:15 a.m. Wednesday.

A man with a knife demanded narcotics from

staff, and after receiving some, fled the store in a black or dark-coloured Volkswagen.

No one was injured.

Police describe the man as a white, about five feet 10 inches and 180 pounds, with dark-coloured hair, a beard and bushy eyebrows.

He was said to be wearing a black hooded jacket and black pants. METRO STAFF



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SCHOOLS

Members surprised by switch

School board members in Halifax were "surprised" to see the province will replace J.L. Ilsley High School, despite higher growth elsewhere and a review suggesting a new north end junior high.

Dave Wright, chair of the Halifax Regional School Board (HRSB), said Wednesday he wasn't expecting to see the province announce funds in the 2017-18 capital plan to replace the Spryfield school, since the HRSB had only asked for "additions and alterations" on their priority list.

"I would like to know what justification the minister used to change that to a new school construction. There must be something that I'm not aware of," Wright said before a board meeting Wednesday.

In the HRSB's capital request to the province for 2017-18, Wright said they had only requested a major renovation to J.L. Ilsley, and added "certainly at some point we will have to do a review process in that area because enrolment is down."

Wright said while he knows the Spryfield community will



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be excited, he wasn't expecting a whole new school there, especially in light of the recent review with the north end community last September. The board approved a new school to consolidate students from Highland Park Junior High and Grades 7-9 at Oxford School, and asked the province to agree.

The HRSB list also asked for both a new elementary and junior high in the Charles P. Allen High family, since Wright said the Hammonds Plains area has seen "explosive growth."

"The north end of Halifax has had a process behind it so we felt it would have some significant weight, and the pressure in the C.P. Allen family is strong," Wright said.

Even the board member for Spryfield, Linda MacKay, said Wednesday she was surprised to see the J.L. Ilsley replacement since they've had a few years of improvements around roof and other issues.

"If you've seen the improvements happening you don't think they're going to come up with a new school," MacKay said after the board meeting.

HALEY RYAN/METRO

Board chair hopes deal 'acceptable' for all sides

EDUCATION

Dave Wright looks forward educators' return to work



Haley Ryan
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The chair of the Halifax school

board is remaining tight-lipped about teachers' concerns with their new contract deal, and what a rejection could mean.

Dave Wright, chair of the Halifax Regional School Board, said he hopes the bargaining units for both the Nova Scotia Teachers Union (NSTU) and province "have come to an agreement that's acceptable to both."

Since details of the tentative deal came out this week, many Nova Scotia teachers have ex-

pressed anger and frustration that the contract doesn't properly address classroom conditions like size, and support for special-needs students.

A ratification vote for the deal is scheduled for Feb. 8, and the NSTU is recommending their members vote in favour, but it's unclear what would happen if a tentative contract was voted down a third time.

"I'm not a teacher so I honestly don't know where they stand,

but my hope is for teachers to get back to what they want to do," Wright said Wednesday before a regular board meeting.

The NSTU began phasing out work-to-rule on Monday in light of reaching a tentative deal, and although president Liette Doucet told Metro this week that "things may not be totally back to normal ever," Wright said that's not unusual.

"On the back end of any work action, job action, or strike

+ WORK-TO-RULE

Work-to-rule has been suspended after the tentative contract was reached.

there's often a period where things aren't the same," Wright said. "I'm not surprised that that might be the case. I hope that students are well served."



Teachers protest outside Justin Trudeau's visit to the Dartmouth Sportsplex last week. JEFF HARPER/METRO

REACTION

Ex-Union leadership candidate to oppose agreement

A former candidate for the leadership of the Nova Scotia Teachers Union says he's opposing a tentative deal because it sends the wrong message about what the contract dispute was originally about — including better funding and supports for special needs students.

Paul Wozney, the communications director for a Halifax local of the 9,300-member union, says

+ WOZNEY'S TAKE

Paul Wozney said the union's failure to retain the long-term service award — a lump sum given to retiring teachers — will be very unpopular with the membership. He said it had helped make up for the end of indexing of pensions in recent years.

he fears the deal's key provision giving teachers two more days off doesn't clearly communicate that the fight was to improve funding in classrooms to improve education for students and teachers.

"If teachers agree to this deal, all the trolls that called us greedy tax pigs will appear to be right," he said. "That's terrifying because for the first time in my career I feel there's a critical mass of rank and file Nova Scotians who are informed."

According to highlights of the deal posted on the CBC website, there are provisions that provide \$20 million for a partnership between teachers, government and school boards to work on improving classroom working conditions.

However, if there is disagreement over how the money is to be spent, an arbitrator would be brought in.

There is also an additional \$12.7 million to pay for increased marking and preparation time for teachers.

In addition, the agreement calls for the creation of a commission to review issues surrounding the resources provided to include special needs students in classrooms, with representatives from the province, the union and an independent outsider.

However, Wozney said the province's main shift has been to offer the two extra days off — which he says is about one per cent of his annual teaching time.

"They (the public) will focus on the fact that after teachers very publicly and loudly, with the support of thousands of parents and students, said we're going to stand up and fight for measures that improve classrooms for teachers and students now, and the defining feature of the deal



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is two more days off," he said.

Regarding the committee on inclusion, he said the difficulty is there's no guarantee the province would act on recommendations that would require additional funding or set staff ratios.

While the public conversation in the dispute has often centred around wages and "classroom conditions" — a phrase often used to describe everything from class size to the amount of reporting and data entry work a teacher has to do — the inclusion issue has percolated.

Education consultants and lifelong teachers said in interviews that classrooms composed of students with a range of men-

tal, physical, behavioural and learning challenges is a major concern and teachers are struggling with a lack of time, training and resources.

Teachers have twice rejected contract agreements recommended by the union executive and voted overwhelmingly in favour of a strike.

Union president Liette Doucet has said the latest deal struck on Friday — resulting in a suspension of the work-to-rule campaign — has improvements, and she has called it "better than the last" agreement.

She was not immediately available for further comment on Wednesday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

STORM

Blustery day forces closures

Tens of thousands of Maritimers lost power on Wednesday as a messy and blustery mix of freezing rain, ice pellets and strong winds moved through the region.

Freezing rain pelted much of northern New Brunswick, resulting in some school closures and midday closure announcements at several universities.

Environment Canada also issued a freezing rain warning for parts of Nova Scotia, as the mix of rain, slush and ice pellets made driving hazardous in some parts of the province.

In downtown Halifax, strong easterly winds brought gusts of close to 100 kilometres per hour early in the morning, scattering construction debris on downtown streets and resulting in power outages in parts of the city.

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BY THE NUMBERS

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Approximately 12,000 customers in Nova Scotia were without power.

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New Brunswick Power reported that more than 91,000 customers lost power as of 6 a.m. local time.

Warmer months ahead for Nova Scotia: Expert

WEATHER

Environment Canada says temps will rise starting Feb. 1

We're just about half way there. Believe it or not, we have just about survived the first half of the winter in Nova Scotia.

David Phillips, senior climatologist with Environment Canada, says mid-winter in Truro is

Feb. 1 and in Halifax it's Feb. 2.

"If you're not a big fan of winter, it is a time to rejoice, a time to raise a glass and celebrate that we have survived this far," said Phillips. "There is more winter behind you than ahead of you."

Environment Canada calculates winter's midpoint by looking at the daily average temperatures based on decades of past data. Generally the daily average gets colder starting in fall and, on Feb. 1, the daily average for Truro will be as low as it gets.

The average high for Feb. 1



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in Truro is -2 C and the average low is -13.

The shortest day of the year, the winter solstice, is around Dec. 21 and after that the days start to get longer again, and slowly more sunshine warms this part of the planet. In Nova Scotia, the temperatures keep

going down for several weeks, to Feb. 1, when the sun's rays finally turn things around and the daily averages slowly start increasing.

"The people who picked Feb. 4 for Truro's Long John Festival are very smart or very intuitive, because that is a great time to

celebrate, right in the dead of winter just when things are starting to get warmer," said Phillips.

If you'd rather measure winter's halfway point by snowfall, that's a bit sooner: Jan. 27 in Truro.

On the bright side, and this sentence should warm you up a bit just reading it: the dog days of summer, the warmest days of the year in Truro, are a full week in late July.

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DONALD TRUMP'S ADMINISTRATION

President Donald Trump began rolling out a series of measures on immigration Wednesday, signing executive actions calling for construction of a border wall, stripping support for sanctuary cities, and many more. Here is a look at some of his recently announced plans and some of the difficulties he could encounter. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



U.S. President Donald Trump displays an executive order he signed during a visit to the Department of Homeland Security.

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1 BORDER WALL

Trump directed the Homeland Security Department to start building a wall at the Mexican border. A 2006 law gives Trump the authority to proceed with construction, but he will need billions of dollars from Congress. He says Mexico will ultimately pay for the wall, but Mexico insists it won't. Environmental groups and some lawmakers will likely try to block the plan.

2 SANCTUARY CITIES

Trump announced a crack-down on cities that don't co-operate with federal immigration authorities, pledging to strip them of federal grant money. But the administration may face legal challenges to any efforts to force co-operation. Some federal courts have found that local jurisdictions cannot hold immigrants beyond their jail term or deny them bond based on a request from immigration authorities.

3 VISA RESTRICTIONS

Trump says he will suspend the issuance of U.S. visas in countries where adequate screening cannot occur and suspend immigrant and non-immigrant entry for citizens of countries of particular concern for 30 days. Federal law gives Trump broad authority to suspend immigration for groups of people whose entry is "detrimental to U.S. interests." He is expected to suspend any immigration, including for refugees, from Syria.

4 REFUGEE RESTRICTIONS

Trump is proposing to reduce the maximum number of refugees by more than half, to 50,000, for the budget year ending in September. Trump has the authority to set the limit of how many refugees can be admitted annually. He can also suspend refugee processing. Refugee processing was temporarily suspended under President George W. Bush in the immediate aftermath of the Sept. 11 attacks.

5 EPA SCIENCE SCRUTINIZED

The Trump administration is scrutinizing studies published by scientists at the Environmental Protection Agency, and new work is under a "temporary hold." The communications director for Trump's transition team at EPA, Doug Ericksen, said the review extends to all content on the agency's website, including details of scientific evidence showing that the Earth's climate is warming and man-made carbon emissions are to blame.

6 INTERVENTION IN CHICAGO

Tuesday night, Trump declared he was ready to "send in the Feds" if Chicago can't reduce its homicides. But Mayor Rahm Emanuel warned against deploying the National Guard, saying it would hurt efforts to restore trust in the police. Trump gave no details on what kind of federal intervention he was suggesting, but Emanuel cautioned that using the military could make matters worse.

Sexist posts on women's marches backfire

A school board member in Hillary Clinton's hometown resigned after making a derogatory reference on Twitter to the female anatomy in describing women marching against President Donald Trump. An Illinois teacher was pulled from the classroom for a tweet deemed sexist. And a freshman Indiana lawmaker was inundated with criticism over a Facebook post mocking "fat women."

These are a handful of examples from across the U.S. of mostly male public officials who have been reprimanded, called out or disciplined over social media postings about the women's marches around the globe last weekend.

The rash of incidents highlight how nasty political discourse has become since the divisive presidential election. But in an era when Trump made lashing out against "political correctness" central to his appeal, the consequences these officials face for unfiltered use of social media once again demonstrate that what you say on the Internet still can hurt you.

It's also not strictly a partisan issue. A writer for Saturday Night Live was suspended this week after writing an offensive tweet about Trump's 10-year-old son Barron. Still, the number of incidents following the women's marches, which packed public squares in blue states and some red as well, has put a few elected officials and supervisors in an awkward spot. And it's not clear where to draw the line.

In Indiana, Republican House Speaker Brian Bosma says he's conducting social media tutorials after posts from at least two state lawmakers.

A weekend Facebook post by Indiana state Rep. Jim Lucas, a Republican, showed a photo of a woman sprayed in the face with pepper spray with a caption that read: "PARTICIPATION TROPHIES. NOW IN LIQUID FORM."

Another post by newly elected Indiana state Sen. Jack Sandlin, also a Republican, credited Donald Trump with getting "more fat women out walking than (former first lady) Michelle Obama did in 8 years."

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Protesters march near the White House on Jan. 21. AFP/GETTY IMAGES



Protesters march near the White House on Jan. 21. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Immigration on rise

RESEARCH

One in three people could be newcomers in 20 years

A new Statistics Canada survey says almost half the country's population could be immigrants or the children of immigrants within the next 20 years.

It suggests the proportion of immigrants in Canada's population could reach 30 per cent in 2036 — compared to 20.7 per cent in 2011 — and a further 20 per cent of the population would be the child of an immigrant, up from the 17.5 per cent recorded in 2011.

The numbers released Wednesday are a far cry from the country's first census in 1871 — four years after Confederation — when 16.1 per cent of the 3.7 million people in Canada were born abroad, with Britain, the U.S. and Germany as the most likely countries of origin.

The population projections show immigration will alter the country's cultural landscape under all scenarios Statis-



A new little citizen was sworn in at a ceremony in Toronto on April 24, 2014. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

tics Canada explored as part of an ongoing project to map out Canada's future as the nation turns 150 years old.

In Quebec, the percentage of people who claim French as their mother tongue is expected to drop to between 69 and 72 per cent in 2036, down from 79 per cent in 2011.

Up to 30 per cent of Canadians in 2036 could have a mother tongue that is neither English nor French, a potential jump of 10 points from 2011.

Researchers concluded more than half of the country's immigrants will be of Asian origin

within the next two decades, with a corresponding decline in the number of new Europeans.

Visible minority populations would make up a growing percentage of the working-age population, defined as people between the ages of 15 and 64, potentially doubling their share to 40 per cent of the age cohort, up from the almost 20 per in 2011.

The projections also suggest that by 2036, between 13 and 16 per cent of the population would be people from a non-Christian religion, up from the nine per cent recorded in 2011.

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BY THE NUMBERS

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Proportion of immigrants in Canada could reach 30 per cent in 2036.

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Researchers say more than 50 per cent of immigrants will be of Asian origin.

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Per cent of the population in 2036 that could be children of immigrants.

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Per cent of the 3.7 million people in Canada born abroad in 1871.

INFRASTRUCTURE

Federal buildings in capital crumbling



Adam Kveton
For Metro | Ottawa

Nearly 18 per cent of federally owned buildings in Ottawa are in critical or poor condition.

That's according to the federal government's own list of its buildings, the Directory of Federal Real Property. Of more than 1,700 buildings, 104 are in critical condition, while more than 200 are in poor condition.

These include office spaces and residences, as well as structures like barns, sheds and silos.

For a building to be in "critical condition," the reinvestment needed to bring it back up to scratch is estimated to be greater than 30

per cent of its replacement value, according to the Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat.

Some critical condition buildings include the former Bank of Canada building, the RCMP headquarters, the Supreme Court, sev-

eral Central Experimental Farm buildings and the Sir Charles Tupper Building.

"Risk of building and building systems failure is high," reads another part of the treasury board's definition of critical.

For a building to be listed as poor, "some or all asset systems are compromised or show serious signs of deterioration. Risk of some systems failure is likely," and the investment needed is between 10 and 30 per cent of replacement value.

The government's real property manager, Public Services

and Procurement Canada

(PSPC), said that the growing

number of critical-condition

buildings is due to both age and

a lack of funds.

With the

government in-

vesting \$3.4 billion over five years

to maintain and upgrade federal

infrastructure assets, the PSPC

has been able to implement "major

renovations in many of its

critical assets," said spokesman

Nicolas Boucher.



Government efforts to realize savings have constrained annual maintenance.

Nicolas Boucher

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DAVID BERRY ON DARK ARCHIE



The TV series Riverdale is the most mainstream iteration of a decade-long attempt to modernize Archie, which has seen the quintessential teenager shed his gee-wilikers roots and step into a new century.

A mother forcing pills on the girl on the next door. A respectable local businessman with ties to organized crime. A sexpot school teacher carrying on an affair with one of her under-age students.

Yes, it's just another day in Riverdale, home of Archie and the gang since they first popped up in comic books nearly 80 years ago. The town shares its name with a dark and sexy teen murder-mystery that premieres on the CW in the U.S. on Thursday and on Netflix in Canada on Friday.

For people who tend to think of Archie's problems as more of the I-spilled-a-milkshake-on-my-sweat-vest variety, the show will be as surprising as a bolt of lightning from the technicolour-blue cover of a Double Digest. It's the most mainstream iteration of a decade-long attempt to modernize Archie, which has seen the quintessential teenager gradually shed his gee-wilikers roots and step saucer-eyed into a new century.

Most of this work has appeared in Archie Comics themselves, new management having shaken off the idealistic malaise that kept the comic chugging for more than half a century. Archie has gotten married, dealt with the ennui of adulthood, met the first



MODERN MALT SHOP Archie and Betty jump off the page into live-action in a dark and slightly disturbing new TV series, *Riverdale*. NETFLIX CANADA

gay person in Riverdale — then died saving him from an assassination attempt. Even his best pal, Jughead, came out as one of the first asexuals openly depicted in mainstream pop culture.

If the obvious motive here is profit — you can only make so much money off things people fondly remember from childhood — the tactics of bringing Archie up-to-date suggest some interesting things about what we'll buy these days.

As with a lot of his candy-coloured comics brethren, it's not just a makeover that Archie has needed, but a wholesale change of milieu. A simple and idyllic world — where problems are no more complex than picking which of the utterly perfect partners you'll settle on — simply

isn't going to fill Pop's Chocklit Shoppe anymore.

Part of why we reject old-line Archie is that it's so nakedly aspirational, a vision of how we might like things to be. We have come to know, or like to believe we have, that things were never so simple, that a more complex world has always existed under the bright colours. And yet the new interpretations are still aspirational. (See: Archie's brand new abs). It's just that now they must sneak under our defences with a nod to more uncomfortable realities — that we're all a bit scared and confused and maybe ashamed of things we've done — before things basically work out the way they're supposed to.

Of course it might just be matter of target audience. It should probably go with-

out saying that Riverdale is being made for a young demographic, one that's in the process of moving from the bleak, unrelenting morass of selfish teenaged anxiety toward the bleak, unrelenting morass of slightly less selfish adult chaos. The thirst for darker stories might not be a cultural shift so much as a generational one: the kids have always thought no one else understood their problems.

In which case, one day, soon enough, the kids will get to look back on the time Archie was screwing his teacher in the wake of one his friends being murdered and marvel at how simple it all seemed back then.

David Berry is a humour writer and cultural critic.

Wrapping Muslims in flags isn't a cure for Islamophobia

Azeezah Kanji

The drawing of a Muslim woman wearing an American flag as a hijab has become one of the most iconic images of resistance to U.S. President Donald Trump. The picture is part of artist Shepard Fairey's "We the People" poster campaign, a series of stylized representations of people demonized by Trump.

In Canada, too, proclamations of Muslim patriotism have been seen as a way of combating Islamophobia. Last year, for example, the Canadian-Muslim Vote initiative aimed to erect Canadian flags in front of every mosque in the country.

But the compulsion to swaddle Muslims in flags is not a cure for Islamophobia — in fact, it is a symptom. Instead of acceding to the demand placed on Muslims to profess their loyalty loudly and repeatedly, we should ask why Muslims are required to engage in such exceptional professions of allegiance.

The basic idea underlying Islamophobia is the unfair and fallacious assumption that Muslims as a whole should be subject to collective suspicion because of the actions of a few. Like the denunciations of terrorism that Muslim leaders and organizations regularly deliver, ostentatious expressions of Muslim patriotism fail to displace this fundamentally flawed premise.

Exhibitions of flag-wrapping also obscure the oppression and exclusion lying behind

the flags.

We should recognize that flags are not only symbols of national pride but are simultaneously symbols of national violence: Canada and the United States were built on the dispossession and genocide of Indigenous peoples, the enslavement of black people, and the exploitation of migrant workers.

American and Canadian flags may represent rights and freedom and justice on one side — the side we proudly wave — but they are signs of colonialism and racism and militarism on the other.

This is why NFL quarterback Colin Kaepernick refused to stand for the U.S. national anthem at football games: "I am not going to stand up to show pride in a flag for a country that oppresses black people and people of colour," he said.

It is why Mohawk artist Greg Hill designed the Kanata flag, to "call into question the current construction of Canadian identity as represented by these undisputed symbols ... and the simultaneous erasure and appropriation of Aboriginal peoples."

And it is why the flag of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy was flown at Black Lives Matter demonstrations in Toronto, to show this land was Indigenous long before it was Canada, and that struggle for justice for Indigenous peoples cannot be separated from other struggles.

Equality does not come from a Muslim woman wearing a flag hijab, but from the unravelling of injustices that these flags represent.

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Subversive style

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Trends don't happen in a vacuum. What walks down the runway for 2017 is directly influenced not just by the seasons that came before, but also by the economy and political climate.

BUY NOTHING AT ALL

Fashion may have a reputation for being elitist, but Georgian designer Demna Gvasalia just handed the power back to the people. For Balenciaga, Gvasalia sent outfits inspired by office workers down a runway of drab commercial carpeting. The

populist message was driven home by an altered version of Bernie Sanders' campaign logo on designs. For Vetements (pictured top), 36 looks of stereotypical everyday dress were presented. There was a punk, an emo, a couch potato, a southern gentleman, PTA parents and pensioners. It was a show about identity, diversity and unity. This is the most subversive — and empathetic — menswear trend of 2017: it requires that you purchase nothing at all.



STATEMENT SLEEVES

An emphasis on arms began in streetwear collections a few seasons ago, but those graphic sleeves and stretched-out knits now seem mild in comparison to this year's trend of voluminous leg of mutton, bell and puffed sleeves. Marc Jacobs, Gucci, Saint Laurent, Simone Rocha and Marques Almeida (pictured left, beside DJ Mia Moretti in pink) all showcased these exaggerated silhouettes. Pick a less structured fabric like cotton or a soft knit to make the look more wearable.

'80S POWER SUITS

If the popularity of Netflix series Stranger Things wasn't enough of a hint, a look to the runway will tell you that the eighties are back in full force. This trend is best illustrated in the wide shoulders and power suiting prominent in both men's and women's collections — and as seen here on stylist Asena Saribatur during Istanbul Fashion Week.



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THE GIRL BEFORE

The newest 'girl' novel to hit the book shelves

Sue Carter
For Metro Canada



When JP Delaney's agent showed two top New York editors the first 50 pages of his new psychological thriller, *The Girl Before*, little did he know the fervour it would cause in the publishing world.

Within a week, the manuscript sold in more than 25 countries (now 35 and counting) at the Frankfurt Book Fair.

"At that stage, the foreign publishers didn't even know what happened on page 51," says Delaney, a not-so-secret pseudonym for Tony Strong, a London advertising copywriter and author of four previous novels.

Within a month, there was an auction for film rights involving four Hollywood studios, all hungry for the next blockbuster *Gone Girl* or *The Girl on the Train*.

In the end, it was Universal Pictures that snagged the dark, twisted tale, with Ron Howard

signed on to direct.

"Ron Howard expressed a desire to be attached to it. He told me he'd been looking for an unconventional psychological thriller for some time," says Delaney. "He's brilliant with intimate stories about characters who play cat-and-mouse with each other."

Following in the footsteps of those other famous 'Girls,' Delaney's novel features two unreliable narrators whose stories twist and morph over time.

There's Jane, an emotionally wounded woman who lost her

baby while in utero. Jane believes she'll find a fresh start and peace of mind moving into One Folgate Street, a sleek, minimalist home designed by a world-renowned architect, Edward Monkford, whose cool, controlling demeanour recalls shades of E.L. James's Christian Grey.

Jane's story alternates with that of Emma's, a previous tenant who moved into Folgate while recovering from a violent attack. When Jane learns that Emma died under suspicious circumstances in the house,

she becomes obsessed with the women's life and possible murder.

Delaney — who has always loved books with a house at their core, like Daphne du Maurier's *Rebecca* — was inspired by a magazine article about a minimalist London home.

"I was immediately struck by just how obsessive and perfectionist an architect would have to be to pursue that kind of aesthetic, where even the tiniest detail could ruin the whole effect," he says.





Comic icon leaves legacy

Mary Tyler Moore, one of the first sitcom career-woman heroines, has died

Mary Tyler Moore portrayed an independent career woman in the 1970s (above). In 2012, she won the Screen Actors Guild's lifetime achievement award. The actress died Wednesday at the age of 80. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE—THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mary Tyler Moore, the star of TV's beloved *The Mary Tyler Moore Show* whose comic realism helped revolutionize the depiction of women on the small screen, has died.

Moore died Wednesday with her husband and friends nearby, her publicist, Mara Buxbaum, said. She was 80.

Moore gained fame in the 1960s as the frazzled wife Laura Petrie on *The Dick Van Dyke Show*. In the 1970s, she created one of TV's first career-woman sitcom heroines in *The Mary Tyler Moore Show*.

She won seven Emmy awards over the years and was nominated for an Oscar for her 1980 portrayal of an affluent mother whose son is accidentally killed in *Ordinary People*.

She had battled diabetes for many years. In 2011, she underwent surgery to remove a benign tumour on the lining of her brain.

Moore's first major TV role was on the classic sitcom *The Dick Van Dyke Show*, in which she played the young homemaker wife of Van Dyke's character, comedy writer Rob Petrie, from 1961-66.

With her unerring gift for comedy, Moore seemed perfectly fashioned to the smarter wit of the new, post-Eisenhower age. As Laura, she traded in the housedress of countless sitcom wives and clad her dancer's legs

in Capri pants that were as fashionable as they were suited to a modern American woman.

Laura was a dream wife and mother, but not perfect. Viewers identified with her flustered moments and her protracted, plaintive cry to her husband: "Ohhhh, Robbbb!"

Moore's chemistry with Van Dyke was unmistakable. Decades later, he spoke warmly of the chaste but palpable off-screen crush they shared during the show's run.

But it was as Mary Richards, the plucky Minneapolis TV news producer on *The Mary Tyler Moore Show* (1970-77), that Moore truly made her mark.

At a time when women's liberation was catching on worldwide, her character brought to TV audiences an independent, 1970s career woman.

Mary Richards was comfortable being single in her 30s, and while she dated, she wasn't desperate to get married. She sparred affectionately with her gruff boss, Lou Grant, played by Ed Asner and addressed always as "Mr. Grant." And millions agreed with the show's theme song that she could "turn the world on with her smile."

The show was filled with laughs. But no episode was more memorable than the bittersweet finale when new management fired the entire WJM News staff — everyone but the preening,

clueless anchorman, Ted Baxter. Thus did the series dare to question whether Mary Richards actually did "make it after all."

The series ran seven seasons and won 29 Emmys, a record that stood for a quarter century until *Frasier* broke it in 2002.

The *Mary Tyler Moore Show* spawned the spin-offs *Rhoda*, (1974-78), starring Valerie Harper; *Phyllis* (1975-77), starring Cloris Leachman; and *Lou Grant* (1977-82), starring Asner in a rare drama spun off from a comedy.

Mary Richards "certainly was never a character that I had to develop when we were doing the show," Moore said in a 1995 interview with *The Associated Press*. "Everything I did was by the seat of the pants. I reacted to every written situation the way I would have in real life."

Mary Tyler Moore was the first in a series of acclaimed, award-winning shows she produced with her second husband, Grant Tinker, who died in November 2016, through their MTM Enterprises. The *Bob Newhart Show*, *Hill Street Blues*, *St. Elsewhere* and *WKRP in Cincinnati* are among the MTM series that followed.



Moore won her seventh Emmy in 1993, for supporting actress in a miniseries or special, for a Lifetime network movie, *Stolen Babies*. She had won two for *The Dick Van Dyke Show* and the other four for *Mary Tyler Moore*. In 2012, Moore received the Screen Actors Guild's lifetime achievement award.

Moore endured personal tragedy in real life, too. The same year *Ordinary People* came out, her only child, Richard, who'd had trouble in school and with drugs, accidentally shot himself at 24. Her younger sister, Elizabeth, died at 21 from a combination of a painkillers and alcohol.

In her 1995 autobiography *After All*, Moore admitted she helped her terminally ill brother try to commit suicide by feeding him ice cream laced with a deadly overdose of drugs.

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RETAIL

Uniqlo to debut line of modest clothing



Designer Hana Tajima displays pieces in her collection of modest-wear. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Japanese apparel retailer Uniqlo will debut a line of modest-wear in Canada in February, including hijabs and abayas, the long black dress worn by women in Saudi Arabia, and pieces inspired by the baju kurung, a tunic-and-pants outfit worn widely in South East Asia.

"It's really for everybody, but in terms of a more specific demographic, it's for anyone who sort of wants that more modest aesthetic," said Hana Tajima, the British designer behind the line.

The collection, for spring and summer 2017, will land at Uniqlo's two Canadian stores, at Toronto's Eaton Centre and Yorkdale Mall, on Feb. 24.

"Uniqlo really pays attention to consumer demand and there is a consumer demand for modest-wear and we are happy to oblige," said Kat Adams, Uniqlo spokesperson.

"This is such a diverse market, we are very hopeful that it will receive a positive reaction."

Uniqlo has been selling modest-wear in other markets since 2015 and it's not the only fashion retailer to do so.

Since 2014, designer fashion houses including Dolce & Gabbana and DKNY and fast fashion retailers Zara and Mango have launched modest-wear collections of varying sizes and prices.

Market research from the advisory firm DinarStandard in 2015 reported that global Muslim consumer spending on food and lifestyle reached \$1.8 trillion (U.S.) in 2014 and is projected to reach \$2.6 trillion in 2020.

"I think it's brilliant," said Maureen Atkinson, senior partner, research insights, J.C. Williams Global retail advisors.

"I think there is a large enough

base that it's a good business decision. I would like to think that most Canadians would support it, but I think there are those who are offended because people don't dress modestly and they are offended because people do dress modestly."

The full Uniqlo modest-wear collection includes 30 items in 81 colours and patterns and will be available across 15 countries.

The pieces range in price in Canada from \$7.90 for a headband to \$39.90 for a hijab and up to \$79.90 for a long dress.

The pieces in the spring-summer collection include long skirts and pants and tunics that

can be put together like the baju kurung of South East Asia; a long black dress with a high neckline and long sleeves inspired by the Saudi abaya, as well as foundation pieces, like inner hijabs to wear under a hijab or while playing sports, to keep hair in place.

The collection does not include burkas, which cover women from head-to-toe, or niqabs, which cover the face.

"We started in South East Asia, with the local markets there," said Tajima. "From then it's really grown. Each season we brought it to new countries and the response has been really fantastic, not just from the Muslim market."

She said the clothing crosses religious and ethnic lines because it is comfortable, loose-fitting and stylish.

"Really it's about creating pieces that are versatile and allow people to interpret the idea of modesty for themselves," said Tajima, who grew up in a small English village and became a Muslim at the age of 18.

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This is such a diverse market, we are very hopeful that it will receive a positive reaction.

Kat Adams



5 EMERGING TRENDS IN CANADIAN DESIGN

Canadian designers seem to have fallen in love with natural, earthy materials — fire, wood, water, clay, greenery — and their synthetic lookalikes. Nowhere was that clearer than at Toronto's Interior Design Show, where it was all about bringing the outside in. These are some of the hottest (and most interesting) emerging trends from Canuck designers. **GENNA BUCK/FOR METRO**



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1 On cloud nine

Toronto-based baby furniture seller Ella+Elliot set up a Lilliputian play space plush cloud rockers imported from the Netherlands (\$835 each) and a 3-D foam puzzle Tetricube (\$593), all on synthetic grass from Toronto landscape architecture firm Design Turf. Cityscape-inspired space dividers (\$799/each) complete the look.



COURTESY NELSON COSTA/AYA KITCHENS

2 Hip to be square

The Cubey kitchen, a collaboration between Mississauga-based cabinetmaker Aya Kitchens and Canadian architecture firm Partisans, is a modular design, "just like Lego" says design consultant Kirth Manku. It's made of cubes that can be mixed around and rearranged. Some are covered and fashioned into drawers, others serve as open-concept storage, and some contain grass or vertically creeping plants. It's a prototypical design, unveiled for the first time at the design show, so there's no price tag yet.



GENNA BUCK/FOR METRO

3 Living furniture

Canada's HiGarden company makes living furniture. Its signature item, the VIGA (vertical indoor gardening & aquaculture), is a three-tiered mini ecosystem. The top tier has water, edible plants and a naturally filtering clay base. The second tier has more plants and the third has fish. Nutrients from the plants filter down to the fish, and an electric pump returns the fish waste to the top tier, where it fertilizes the plants. Available in desktop (\$1000) and bookcase (\$1250) versions — with plants included for an extra \$150 — the VIGA is "self-sustaining," says communications rep Michelle Lee. "The only input is the fish."



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4 Upcycle into the swing of things

Repurposed wood from around the world is the medium of choice for artisan S. Salem, the brainchild behind Canadian Green Design. The material forms the backbone of a working sink and kitchen counter and an imposing redwood coffee table (\$3,500) set off with a playful indoor swing (\$290) under the soft light of Edison-inspired yellow light bulbs embedded in a reclaimed branch.

5 Room on (fake) fire



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Despite the name, Canada's Nero Fire Design does not work with actual fire. Instead it makes custom hearths with all the trappings of the real thing but "no liability factor," says Andres Castro, director of sales for Dimplex, the parent company. Hidden speakers make a crackling sound on-demand, electric lights stand in for flames and cold water vapour creates realistic-looking but totally benign smoke. A heating unit can be mounted inside, but that's optional. A standard living room fireplace is about \$8,000.



Again, Milos' dream just out of reach



Milos Raonic's run at the Australian Open ended on Wednesday. PAUL CROCK/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

AUSTRALIAN OPEN

Ruthless Nadal spoils Canuck star's big shot for a major win

Canadian tennis star Milos Raonic limped out of the Australian Open on Wednesday after a nagging thigh injury flared up during a quarter-final loss to Spanish star Rafael Nadal.

Raonic, the third seed from Thornhill, Ont., was trying to repeat his best showing at the Grand Slam tournament by reaching the semifinals for a second straight year. He lost to Andy Murray in the 2016 semis.

Many wondered if this was Raonic's year after top-ranked Murray and No. 2 Novak Djokovic were upset in earlier rounds. It was been a struggle from

the beginning, however, as Raonic came down with a cold early in the tournament and was bed-ridden for a day. His timing seemed slightly off against Roberto Bautista Agut in the round of 16, when he racked up 55 unforced errors and even uncharacteristically hurled his racket to the court midway through the third set.

He appeared to be feeling better by Wednesday until he had a recurrence of an adductor injury in the 6-4, 7-6 (7), 6-4 loss to Nadal.

"These last two and a half weeks have been

A joyous Rafa Nadal celebrates victory GETTY IMAGES

"I just wasn't able to push back behind the baseline."

Raonic on Nadal



quite difficult, just trying to manage everything," he said. "First, dealing with the physical aspect, then getting myself quite ready, I thought, making the most of that. Then dealing with the health aspect and now with this."

Raonic, 26, said he came into Melbourne nursing his thigh muscle after injuring it earlier this month in Brisbane.

"I got it to pretty good shape," he said. "We still had to monitor it and then today I hurt another aspect of it." He required treatment on the leg in the second set Wednesday.

"I hope it's nothing too serious," added Raonic, who has struggled with adductor problems in the past.

He defeated Nadal in their last meeting, which came at the same tournament in Brisbane where Raonic said he tweaked his adductor. This time, Raonic said, "he played better than I did."

The 30-year-old Nadal saved six set points in the second set, including two in the 13-minute tiebreaker.

"There were some opportunities in the second set, other than that, there wasn't much for me to hold onto," Raonic said. "I just wasn't able to push him back behind the baseline like I was a few weeks ago."

Nadal will play Grigor Dimitrov on Friday, the day after 35-year-old Roger Federer takes on 31-year-old Stan Wawrinka in an all-Swiss semifinal.

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WOMEN'S SOCCER

Allocation of players announced by CSA

The Canadian Soccer Association has announced that 10 national team players will be allocated this season to the National Women's Soccer League.

Canada captain Christine Sinclair will return to the Portland Thorns.

She is among eight players returning to NWSL who were on the CSA's allocation list released Wednesday.

The Canadian and U.S. Soccer federations allocate their players across the league's 10 teams and pay their salaries.

Joining Sinclair on the list are Janine Beckie (Houston Dash), Allysha Chapman (Boston Breakers), Sabrina D'Angelo



Christine Sinclair GETTY IMAGES

(North Carolina Courage), Stephanie Labbe (Washington Spirit), Diana Matheson, (Seattle Reign), Desiree Scott (FC Kansas City) and Shelina Zadorsky (Washington Spirit).

Recently drafted players Kailen Sheridan (Sky Blue) and Nichelle Prince (Houston Dash) were also among the allocated players.

The CSA allocated 11 players to the league last season.

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AFRICA CUP OF NATIONS

Salah's stunner puts Egypt into quarters

Egypt made sure its long-awaited return to the Africa Cup of Nations will last at least one more match as it clinched the last quarter-final place with a thunderous free-kick by Mohamed Salah and a 1-0 win over Ghana on Wednesday.

Salah's 11th-minute goal saw Egypt take top spot in Group D from the Ghanaians on the final day of group games in Gabon, eliminating Mali, which drew 1-1 with Uganda.

Egypt, the record seven-time champion, needed to win to make sure it progressed at

WEDNESDAY in Gabon



its first African Cup in seven years. Ghana had already qualified.

Salah's strike was one of the goals of the tournament as he stepped up and smashed the free kick into the top left corner with Ghana goalkeeper Razak Brimah helpless.

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GOLF

Woods' recovery continues at Torrey Pines

With the Pacific Ocean behind him, Tiger Woods drew back his driver and sent it soaring across the blue sky Wednesday at Torrey Pines. Watching from 50 yards away was Jay Monahan, the new commissioner of the PGA Tour.

"That's a nice sight, isn't it? Monahan said. He wasn't referring to the sun shining down on the rugged coastline. His eyes were fixed on Woods on the 17th tee of the North Course.

This will be the ninth time that Woods returns to the PGA Tour following a lengthy layoff and this one brings as much

curiosity as excitement at the Farmers Insurance Open. Not even Woods knows what to expect.

"We all know I haven't played a full schedule in a very long time, so this is an unknown," Woods said. "I've played one tournament in that 15-month span and I haven't played a full-field event."

Woods last played a PGA Tour event at the Wyndham Championship in August 2015 in a last-minute effort to qualify for the tour's post-season. He tied for 10th, and then had two more back surgeries a few



Tiger Woods GETTY IMAGES

months apart that sent him to the sidelines for an entire season. He returned at his Hero World Challenge in early December, an unofficial event with an 18-man field and no cut. Woods finished 15th, though it was considered a success because of his 24 birdies, no issues with his back and no stress on his swing.

This one counts, and it won't be long before Woods is meas-

ured against the rest of the field. He will play the opening two rounds with Jason Day (No. 1 in the world) and Dustin Johnson (PGA Tour player of the year). Both are among the biggest hitters in golf, playing a style that Woods once had to dominate the sport. That brought the biggest smile to his face.

"That's two guys that are the best in the world and they're friends of mine," Woods said. "I couldn't have asked for a better pairing. Those guys will bomb it out there. That's fine. I'll just play my game."

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IN BRIEF

Malkin to miss All-Star game

Pittsburgh Penguins centre Evgeni Malkin is dealing with a lower-body injury that will keep the Russian star out of Sunday's All-Star game.

Coach Mike Sullivan announced the injury on Wednesday, a day after Malkin played 18:27 in a 3-0 home loss to St. Louis.

Malkin appeared to be hurt after taking a hit from St. Louis' Joel Edmundson. Malkin has 22 goals this season for the defending Stanley Cup champions and his 54 points are tied with Sidney Crosby for the team lead. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Liverpool fail to reach final

Liverpool's season is in danger of unraveling after Jurgen Klopp's team missed out on a place in the English League Cup final following a 1-0 loss to Southampton at Anfield on Wednesday.

Substitute Shane Long scored in injury time to seal a 2-0 aggregate win in the semifinals for Southampton, which reached the final of English football's second-tier cup competition for a second time. Manchester United — leading Hull 2-0 in the other semifinal — is their likely final opponent. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MAKE IT TONIGHT

Crunchy Asian Chicken Salad



PHOTO: MAYA VISNVEI

Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada



We're addicted to the sweet, salty, hearty, crunchy combination of this dinner salad.

Ready in 30 minutes

Prep time: 20 minutes
Cook time: 10 minutes
Serves 4

Ingredients

- 2 chicken breasts
- 1/4 - 1/2 head of purple cabbage, thinly sliced
- 1/4 - 1/2 head of green cabbage, thinly sliced
- 2 carrots, shredded
- 1 red pepper, thinly sliced
- 1/2 cucumber, peeled and sliced
- 2 spring onions, sliced hand-ful cilantro, chopped
- 1/3 cup peanuts, chopped (optional)

Dressing

- 1 Tbsp sesame oil

- 1 Tbsp soy sauce
- 1/2 tsp sriracha
- 1 Tbsp vegetable oil
- 1 tsp fish sauce
- 1 tsp sugar

Directions

1. Fill a skillet with water and season with salt and pepper. Bring to a simmer. Place chicken breasts in the water and cook 10 to 12 minutes, depending on how thick the breasts are. Remove meat from skillet and place on a clean plate. Use two forks to shred the chicken.

2. In a small bowl, whisk together the dressing ingredients

3. In a large serving bowl, toss together the vegetables and chicken. Drizzle dressing over the salad and toss again. Serve the salad in bowls and garnish with cilantro and chopped peanuts.

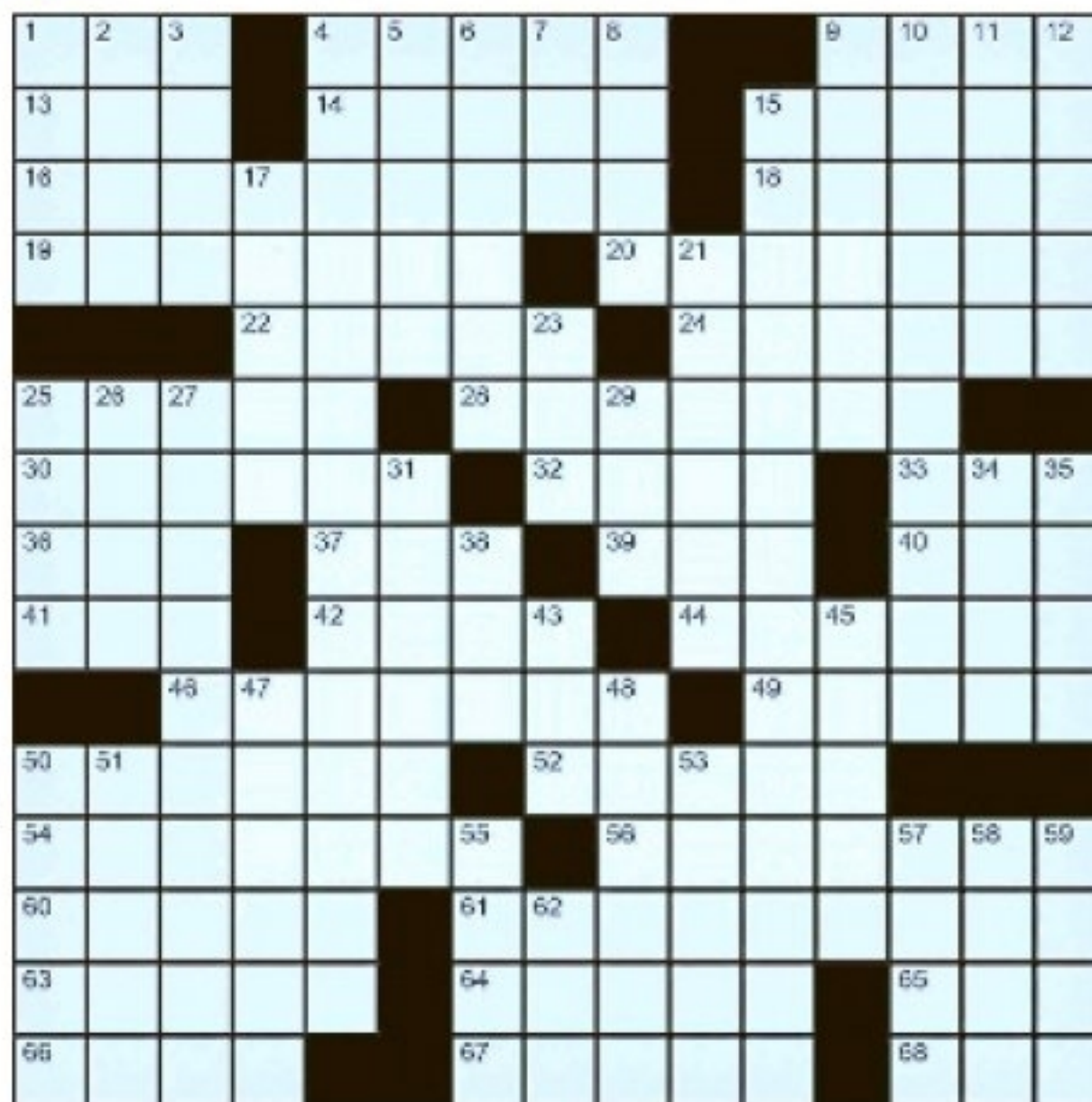
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ACROSS

- Groceries holder
- Long for
- Lump of soil
- "Strangers __ Train" (1951)
- Golden hit song from the past
- French nursery rhyme: "___ Jacques"
- One of Saint Basil's Cathedral's vivid architectural features in Moscow: 2 wds.
- The Cloister and the Hearth novelist Charles
- Department's boss
- As a non-looking-forward-to event
- Lead/tin alloy
- They make things less difficult
- 1st Greek letter
- One taking it a bit too easy on the job
- Platinum Blonde hit: "___ Really Matter"
- Litigates
- Mil. rank
- Matterhorn, for one
- Sort of spell
- Rx watchdog in The States
- When repeated, a villain's laugh
- Travel directions provider
- Luxury label
- Full
- South American country
- Colleague of Happy and Doc
- Powerful
- ___ of vantage (Favourable position)



- Retro hairstyl-ing products
- Dreamy
- Ms. Ekberg
- Purr-chasers of Purina products: 2 wds.
- Wheez-ing noises
- "La Dolce Vita"

- (1960) actress, ___ Aimee ___co-star of #60-Across
- Up to, in verse
- Building ex-tensions
- After-dinner candies
- Quebec sea-soning

DOWN

- Movie set's over-head holder of a microphone
- Ms. Faris
- Laundry deter-gent brand
- Toronto's hip 'Square' location: 3 wds.
- Respected person

- in the community
- Decorates
- Flange
- Call for
- Iron-ee
- Prime Minis-ter's activity
- Sequence
- Feats
- Cult TV series of

- 1999 to 2000 on which Seth Rogen starred: 3 wds.
- Promises
- Diminish/fall back
- Chicago trains
- U2's bassist
- Mr. Clayton
- Ms. Falana
- Cook's often-used grinder: 2 wds.
- "___ Wieder-sehen!"
- Who-needs-medical-assistance-first process
- "Runaway Bride" (1999) star Richard
- 1970 Carpenters hit: "(___ Long to Be) Close to You"
- Said a li'l Rocky-style 'hello'
- Bird of myth
- Clown in the opera Pagliacci
- English com-poser, Eric ___ (b.1886 - d.1957)
- Encourage at the stadium: 2 wds.
- Fifth wheel
- Of varied pitch
- Enter the data
- Fleece
- Research pa-pers, e.g.
- Mr. Nastase of tennis
- Convict's unit
- Tropical cuckoo bird

★ IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
Dealing with bosses, VIPs and parents are unpredictable to-day. If you are upset by what they say, don't quit your day job. Give things a sober second thought.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Travel plans will be delayed, canceled or subject to detours and changes. Likewise, publishing, the media, medicine and the law are subject to sudden changes.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Double-check bank accounts and important agreements, because something to do with inheritances, shared property, taxes and debt might throw you for a loop. Know what's happening.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
A friend or partner will throw you a curveball today. He or she might want more independence in the relationship. This person also might make a weird accusation!

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Your job's routine will be interrupted today. Staff shortages, equipment breakdowns, computer problems, delivery delays or other unexpected situations will force you to deal with surprises. Be cool.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
This is an accident-prone day for your kids, so be vigilant. Know where they are at all times. Be careful to remove potentially hazardous equipment or items around them.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Something unpredictable will affect your home or family today. It may be an argument, or a minor breakage could occur. Someone might have surprising news.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Be careful today and take your time so that you are mindful and aware, because this is an accident-prone day for you. Think before you speak, and think before you act.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Keep an eye on your finances today, because something unexpected will affect them. You might lose money, or you might lose money. Something you own might be lost, stolen or damaged.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Today you feel impulsive and rebellious. Even though you usually are cautious and careful, today you might shock someone with a sudden decision or action.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You feel restless today. You feel as if you're waiting for the other shoe to drop. You might be agitated because of changes taking place in other people's lives around you.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
A friend might surprise you today. Something unexpected will take place with someone you know, perhaps in a group setting.

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